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INTERVIEW AGENDA
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CLAIMS

1. **(Proposed Amendment)** A programming interface embodied on one or more computer-readable storage media comprising:

a hierarchical namespace including a set of types for a user interface organized into the hierarchical namespace, the hierarchical namespace including functionality to allow application-defined calculations to be performed;

a top level identifier prefixed to the name of each group in the hierarchy so that the types in each group are referenced by a hierarchical name that includes the selected top level identifier prefixed to the name of the group containing the type;

a first group of services related to re-usable user interface controls, the first group of services including a control that allows preview images of items to be displayed;

a second group of services related to user interface dialogs and user interface wizards, the second group of services including a first dialog to allow files and folders to be opened and saved;

a third group of services related to extending the user interface functionality, the third group of services including functionality to allow identification of application-defined thumbnails;[[and]]

a fourth group of services related to extending functionality of a desktop of the user interface, the fourth group of services including functionality to allow a sidebar to be displayed on the desktop, wherein the first and second and third and fourth groups of services are defined by respective namespaces of the programming interface; and

an object model that can be used by each of the groups of services including:

an ExplorerItem object that describes items that can be presented to a user,

a Library object that describes a query against the ExplorerItem object,

a ViewFields object that projects data from the ExplorerItem object to the user, and

a StorageFavorites object that describes a link to a dynamic list generated from the Library object.

6. (Proposed Amendment) A system implemented by way of one or more computers, comprising A programming interface embodied on one or more computer-readable storage media comprising:

means for organizing a set of types for a user interface into a hierarchical namespace, the hierarchical namespace including functionality to allow application-defined calculations to be performed;

means for exposing a first set of functions that enable re-usable controls of a user interface, wherein the controls comprise:

an ExplorerView control that encapsulates a storage user experience that allows end users to issue queries,

an ExplorerItemView control that displays an ExplorerItem, and
a BasketControl control that allows items to be added to a sidebar,

means for exposing a second set of functions that enable re-usable dialogs of the user interface and re-usable wizards of the user interface;

means for exposing a third set of functions that enable extending functionality of a desktop of the user interface, wherein the means for exposing the first set of functions including means for exposing one or more functions that allow items to be added to a sidebar of the desktop; and

means for selecting a top level identifier and prefixing the name of each group with the top level identifier so that the types in each group are referenced by a hierarchical name that includes the selected top level identifier prefixed to the name of the group containing the type.

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Initially, Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Dao and his supervisor for conducting an interview with Applicant's representative, David W. Foster on Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at 1pm EST..

Applicant plans to respectfully submit that the cited references fail to disclose, teach, or suggest "an object model that can be used by each of the groups of services including: an ExplorerItem object that describes items that can be presented to a user, a Library object that describes a query against the ExplorerItem object, a ViewFields object that projects data from the ExplorerItem object to the user, and a StorageFavorites object that describes a link to a dynamic list generated from the Library object" as recited in independent claim 1. Support in the specification for these amendments can be found on pages 23 and 24.

Applicant also plans to respectfully submit that none of the references of record disclose, teach, or suggest "wherein the controls comprise: an ExplorerView control that encapsulates a storage user experience that allows end users to issue queries, an ExplorerItemView control that displayes an ExplorerItem, and a BasketControl control that allows items to be added to a sidebar" as recited in independent claim 6. Support in the specification for these amendments can be found on pages 25 and 26.

Finally, Applicant plans to respectfully submit that the amendment proposed to independent claim 6 obviates the grounds for the 101 rejection.

Nevertheless, Applicant is open to consideration of possible amendments to help advance prosecution.

Applicant once again thanks Examiner Dao and his SPE for taking time to consider these remarks, and Applicant looks forward to an Examiner

interview on July 22, 2008. Finally, Applicant once more notes that this paper is submitted for discussion purposes only.

Respectfully submitted,

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